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Regarding Drawing objection and 35 USC 112 rejection, the limitation of “the ridge including an opening to the interior of the die hole”, the dam is defined by the ridge 705 and the wall of section 106. The feed conduit extends to the wall only as shown in Fig. 7A below but not the ridge. In the pre-selected area 710, the ridge 705 still exists but does not discontinue as asserted by the Applicant and is best seen in the right side of Fig. 7B below. If there is a discontinuity on the ridge 705, the lubricant flows into the die hole which is not desirable for a punching process. Regarding the rejection under 35 USC 103, since the Drawing objection and 35 USC 112 rejection stand, the 103 rejection stand.

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